

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrode-free analyzing tool comprising:

a reaction space in which a particular component of a sample and a reagent react with each other; and

a reagent portion which is arranged in the reaction space and which dissolves in the sample supplied to the reaction space[[.]];

wherein the reagent portion includes a first part and a second part facing each other and provided on electrode-free surfaces that define the reaction space ~~and face each other,~~

~~wherein the reagent comprises a color-developing reagent, and~~

wherein both of the first part and the second part contain a same oxidoreductase that reacts with the particular component for extracting electrons from the particular component, and a [[the]] same color-developing reagent that receives the extracted electrons for coloration.

2. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein the first part and the second part are separated from each other.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein the electrode-free surfaces include a first electrode-free surface on which the first part is provided, and a second electrode-free surface on which the second part is provided, the second electrode-free surface facing the first electrode-free surface in a direction normal to the first surface; and

wherein a facing distance between the first electrode-free surface and the second electrode-free surface is no greater than 300 μ m.

6. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 5, wherein the facing distance is no smaller than 30 μ m.

7. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 5, further comprising a first plate member in which the first electrode-free surface is included, and a second plate member in which the second electrode-free surface is included, the second plate member defining the reaction space together with the first plate member.

8. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 7, further

comprising a spacer for bonding the first plate member and the second plate member to each other and defining the reaction space together with the plate members;

wherein the facing distance is determined by the spacer.

9. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein the reaction space is designed to move the sample by a capillary force generated in the reaction space.

10. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 1, wherein blood is used as the sample.

11-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An electrode-free analyzing tool comprising a reaction space in which a particular component of a sample reacts with a reagent,

wherein the reaction space is defined by electrode-free surfaces which include:

a reagent retaining surface that retains a reagent, which comprises an oxidoreductase reacting with the particular component for extracting electrons from the particular component and a color-developing reagent that provides receiving the extracted electrons for providing a color signal corresponding to an amount of the particular component of a sample and measured

by colorimetry; and a facing surface which faces the reagent retaining surface in a direction normal to the reagent retaining surface and which does not retain a reagent{[,]};

wherein a facing distance between the reagent retaining surface and the facing surface is no greater than 150 μ m; and

wherein the color-developing reagent is soluble and dispersible in the sample supplied to the reaction space.

17. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein the facing distance is no greater than 100 μ m.

18. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 17, wherein the facing distance is no greater than 75 μ m.

19. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein the facing distance is no smaller than 30 μ m.

20. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein the reaction space is designed to move the sample.

21. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 20, wherein

the reaction space is designed to move the sample by a capillary force generated in the reaction space.

22. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 16, further comprising a first plate member in which the reagent retaining surface is included, and a second plate member in which the facing surface is included, the second plate member defining the reaction space together with the first plate member.

23. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 22, further comprising a spacer for bonding the first plate member and the second plate member to each other and defining the reaction space together with the plate members;

wherein the facing distance is determined by the spacer.

24. (Previously Presented) The electrode-free analyzing tool according to claim 16, wherein blood that contains blood cells is used as the sample.